

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAVE KASTEN**, on February 10, 2003 at 9:30 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Zook, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Jane Hamman, OBPP
CJ Johnson, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 6 RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN
PROGRAM(RRGL)
HB 9 MONTANA CULTURAL TRUST-CULTURAL AND
AESTHETIC GRANTS PROGRAM

Executive Action: HB 6 and 9

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened the hearing and distributed a new committee bill for Project #26 Page 84, RRGL-DNRC, the Blackfeet Tribe, Oki Mamii (Hello Fish). The bill doesn't have an assigned number at this time, but is listed as LC2153. This bill will go to the full House Appropriations Committee for approval. He said when the DNRC presented this in a previous committee hearing they had recommended the full grant funds of \$23,581. **CHAIRMAN KASTEN** stated that this bill will take money from the Native American Economic Development (NAED) fund, which currently has \$150,000 to fund Native American projects. He said that the Committee had deleted this project during discussion and executive action of HB 6. The new bill will fund a school project called Hello Fish, Project #26 at \$20,000, instead of the original request for \$23,581.

EXHIBIT (j1h29a01)

SEN. TESTER asked if the \$150,000 that is available in the NAED, is for all tribes to use. **Ms. Hamman** said that is correct. She stated that it has been available for three years or longer. The money has not been expended due to the seven tribes not achieving any unity to determine on how to use these funds.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved **TO ADOPT THE FUNDING FOR THE BLACKFEET TRIBE, HELLO FISH (Oki Mamii), TSEP-PROJECT #26. Motion carried unanimously.**

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CHAIRMAN KASTEN reminded the Committee to stay within the budget that has been appropriated for HB 9 when they are voting.

Ms. Jane Hamman, OBPP, informed the Committee that Greg Petesch, Head Legislative Counsel, didn't want his staff spending time drafting bills dealing with contingency language. She said that the Committee could prepare a wish list in case HB 492 does pass in the full House Appropriation's Committee, which would make \$35,000 available for other projects that didn't make the funding line.

Ms. Catherine Duncan, Legislative Staffer, distributed and discussed the handouts. She said that if HB 492 does pass, the Committee could take into consideration the projects that have been proposed to be cut on Exhibit 5, to be funded.

EXHIBIT(jlh29a02)

EXHIBIT(jlh29a03)

EXHIBIT(jlh29a04)

EXHIBIT(jlh29a05)

Carleen Layne, Montana Arts Council, informed the Committee that the Arts Council will have a shortfall of \$33,000 for the current biennium from interest earnings. She said the same scenario happened in the last biennium. She said that the Arts Council wanted to take a five percent cut from the other grant requests to keep everything funded that has been mentioned in the hearings all week.

Ms. Hamman stated that the bed tax funds would not be available to fund anything for the current biennium. **Ms. Layne** said the grants and the funds would have to be extended or encumbered by June 30th of the year, but the final reporting and payment on the funds does not occur until the next fiscal year. **Ms. Layne** said her staff does take into account the funds that are available to determine how much they will pay on the grants. **Ms. Hamman** commented that she doesn't know how last session's grants can be funded out of action taken today.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN confirmed Ms. Hamman's comment. He said that the best way for the Committee to handle the shortfall is to address HB 9 with what is recommended. He informed the Committee that if they cut any proposed projects that are listed to receive funds, they can use those funds to apply to projects that didn't receive any money.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 9

CHAIRMAN KASTEN opened HB 9 for executive action.

Carleen Layne, Montana Arts Council, reviewed the exhibits and recommendations of the projects to the Committee that had been distributed by Ms. Duncan. She reviewed the current facilities that have been approved to receive funds, and the mills applicable for the counties' match.

Motion: **SEN. KEENAN** moved **HB 9 FOR DISCUSSION**.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN discussed the \$33,000 shortfall for the Arts Council. He asked Ms. Layne what a five percent deduction would be from all the grants currently funded. **Ms. Layne** replied that it would be approximately \$40,000. **CHAIRMAN KASTEN** worked with the Committee to develop a list of organizations they felt should

receive more funds, and some funding to those areas that had been completely cut.

REP. KAUFMANN discussed the projects listed on Exhibit 5 stating that the projects shaded in green have been cut from receiving any funding. She said that Grant #1004, Heron Players, and Grant #1007, homeWORD, were both recommended to receive zero funding.

REP. KAUFMANN asked the Committee when the motion is called for these two grants if the Committee will include one-half funding for the Miles City Preservation Commission, Grant #1063.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN asked for a motion to adopt a list of potential projects to receive funding if HB 492 passes the full House Appropriations Committee.

The funding suggested is:

- 1) HomeWORD, Grant #1007, \$3,000
- 2) Miles City Preservation Commission, Grant #1063, \$5,000
- 3) Montana Mandolin Society, Grant #1031, \$5,000
- 4) Heron Player, Grant #1004, \$2,000

Motion/Vote: **REP. KASTEN** moved **TO ADOPT FUNDING FOR THE FOUR ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED EARLIER FOR NO FUNDING DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion: **SEN. TROPILA** moved **TO FUND THE MONTANA SCIENCE INSTITUTE, GRANT #1070 Page 71, FOR \$2,000.**

Discussion:

CHAIRMAN KASTEN asked **SEN. TROPILA** if he would also include the Huntley Project, Grant #1022 in his motion to fund the Montana Science Institute.

REP. KAUFMANN discussed the Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture. She asked the Committee Members if they felt this project was out of the scope because of the title. She said that there is a lot of history and culture in the museum on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Committee asked questions, and **REP. KAUFMANN** responded that the project is viable under the Cultural and Aesthetic Grants Program.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. TROPILA** moved **TO FUND GRANT #1070, MONTANA SCIENCE INSTITUTE FOR \$2,000, and GRANT #1022, HUNTLEY PROJECT MUSEUM OF IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE FOR \$2,000 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.**

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REP. KAUFMAN asked if she could make a motion to take the remaining funds of \$1,200 that is left from the previous motions, and divide it into thirds for the remaining grants highlighted in green on Exhibit 5.

SEN. TROPILA said that the rest of the monies should be left in the Arts Council, and allow them to distribute the funds where they see fit such as emergencies and shortfalls.

Motion/Vote: **REP. WITT** moved **TO LEAVE THE REMAINING FUNDS WITH THE ARTS COUNCIL TO DISTRIBUTE AS NEEDED DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN stated that this motion will be an amendment that is contingent upon the passage of HB 492.

Jane Hamman asked the Committee in what order do they want the projects listed.

CHAIRMAN KASTEN asked for a motion to place the two lowest projects on the list in Exhibit 5 at the top of the list. The order is: 1) Grant #1004, Heron Players; 2) Grant #1007, homeWORD; 3) Grant #1063, Miles City Preservation Commission; 4) Grant #1031, Montana Mandolin Society; 5) Grant #1070, Montana Science Institute; and 6) Grant #1022, Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture.

Motion: **SEN. ZOOK** called the question.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved **TO ADOPT THE PROJECTS AS LISTED DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved **HB 9 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.**

CHAIRMAN KASTEN adjourned the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:15 A.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

CJ JOHNSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (j1h29aad)